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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compact driving unit for an automatic banknote receiving and storing unit, comprising:

a chassis;

5 a banknote accepting unit for accepting a banknote, the banknote accepting unit being mounted in the chassis;

a safe unit for retaining accepted banknotes, the safe unit including a banknote storing section, the safe unit being mounted within and removable from the chassis;

10 a transporting unit for moving an accepted banknote from the banknote accepting unit to a position adjacent the banknote storing section, the transporting unit having a driving crank with a driver mounted on the chassis, the transporting unit being mounted within and removable from the chassis;

15 a translating unit, operatively connected to the transporting unit, for non-rotationally displacing a pushing board to move an accepted banknote to a position within the banknote storing section; and

a driving lever for operatively exerting a force on the pushing board of the translating unit, the driving lever being driven by the transporting unit driving crank and driver, wherein the driving lever is mounted on a shaft and pivots in a plane which is parallel to a plane traversed by the transporting unit as it is attached to the chassis, the driving lever having a driven section located at the end of the driving lever facing an opening for attaching the transporting unit to the chassis, the driven section for contact with the driving crank, the end of the driving lever opposite the driven section being a driving section for operating the translating unit.

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2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The compact driving unit for an automatic banknote receiving and storing unit of Claim 1,

5 wherein the translating unit includes the pushing board and a parallel linkage assembly.

4. (Currently Amended) The compact driving unit for an automatic banknote receiving and storing unit of Claim [[2]] 1,

wherein the driving lever is located at a side of the chassis.

5.-6. (Cancelled)

10 7. (Previously Presented) A compact banknote safe, comprising:

a banknote storing section;

a first driven lever mounted in the banknote storing section for receiving a driving force;

15 a translating unit for non-rotationally displacing a pushing board to move a banknote into the banknote storing section, the pushing board being operated by a second driven lever, and

an elastic member attached between the first driven lever and the second driven lever, the elastic member applies a variable contraction force and elastically linking the movement of the first driven lever to the second driven lever,

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wherein the first driven lever can receive a driving force to move in a first direction thereby moving the second driven lever and causing the pushing board to move a banknote into the banknote storing section.

8. (Original) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7, further comprising:
5 a banknote access door for removing stored banknotes from the banknote storing section.

9. (Previously Presented) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7,
wherein the translating unit includes the pushing board and a parallel linkage assembly.

10. (Original) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7,
wherein the elastic member is a spring.

11. (Original) The compact banknote safe of Claim 7,
wherein the elastic member is a rubber band.

12.-17. (Cancelled)

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